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Diversity throughout My Education

From the experience of attending school for over ten years, diversity has played a big part of my educational experience. Being in a classroom with a wide variety of students is something that has transpired me to be aware of others. I was able to absorb different cultures from other students, learning about different student’s religion and where they grew up.

Meeting new people in a classroom has always excited me, as it allows for a new experience of meeting new people and their backgounds. An experience in meeting a friend in high school was a very interesting one. He came from a different background from where I grew up from. I was very fascinated about how he grew up, knowing he came from Laotian culture and I grew up in a Cambodian culture. It was pretty cool that both of our cultures intertwine with one another. In this experience, diversity allowed us to get to know each other form different cultures and religion. It promoted for high respect for both cultures. Having a class that has a wide range of ethnicity promoted a high sense for people of different backgrounds. In a classroom setting, students and able to come and learn about the similarities that they share from other students. These similarities can come from personal preference or even cultural similarities.

In education, there are different students that have different barriers in learning. This is where the educational system allows people with learning barriers or disabilities to learn in a cohesive setting. From what I was able to see in my high school, there were students with disabilities and regular students interacting and helping each other out. In my fairness, I always try to interact with these students to make sure they feel comfortable and that they are fitting well in school. This allows for disabled students to be welcomed as regular students instead as outsiders. The IDEA act allows students with disabilities to learn in the same classrooms as regular students. The same thing can be interpret to help ELL students who are learning to develop their language. From the class I observe in EDC 250, I am able to see how the teacher incorporates diversity into her lesson to make sure her students are catered differently. Tests are different for ELL students and reading out loud is necessary to improve their English.

Diversity will play a big part as my role as an aspiring teacher. Growing up, I was able to see students from different socioeconomic statuses, cultures and language. These interactions will lead me to incorporate all these factors of diversity into teaching.